

Okanogan Conservation District

State Legislative District #12
Congressional District #5

Other Accomplishments

Okanogan Conservation District provided \$141,573 in cost share funding for:

- 50,259 feet of fencing
- 2,000 feet of piping
- 4 watering facilities
- 5 center pivots
- 3 pumps
- 1 solar panel
- 7,700 plants for CREP riparian buffers

The District also:

- Sold 22,382 trees & shrubs.
- Gave away 21,835 Ponderosa pines countywide.
- Wrote 65 Irrigation Water Management Plans.
- Wrote 65 Pest Management Plans.
- Wrote 65 Nutrient Management Plans.
- Provided information and education to 4,630.

2008 Feature Accomplishment

Bonaparte Creek Garbage Removal Project

Resource Challenge

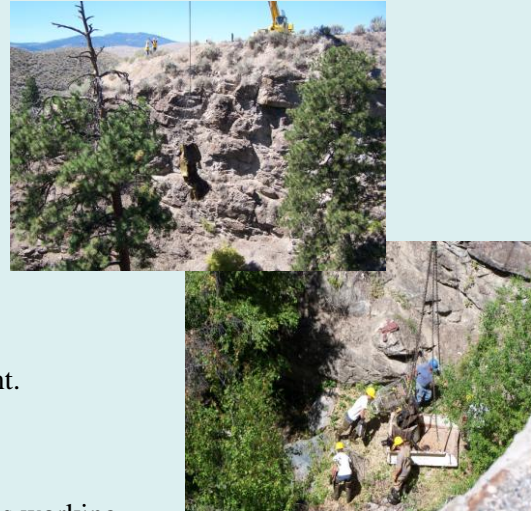
Bonaparte Creek is located in the northern part of Okanogan County and is a known salmonid spawning and rearing area. It was determined that the creek has impaired water quality including elevated levels of fecal coliform and suspended sediment.

Project Summary and Results

The Okanogan Conservation District is working with landowners in the Bonaparte Creek watershed to clean up the creek and improve water quality parameters such as sedimentation and fecal coliform. A local citizens group was formed to address all natural resource issues within the watershed. One of the issues was garbage being dumped in the lower mile of the watershed.

In August 2007 the District coordinated a garbage clean up day on Bonaparte Creek. The garbage clean up day was a monumental coordination effort with participants such as the Washington State Department of Transportation, Gallup's Crane Service, JBS Enterprise, local landowners, and the Okanogan Conservation District. Garbage hauled up from the creek bottom included a car, several grocery carts, air conditioning units, washer and dryer, lawn mower, empty 55 gallon drums, newspaper dispensers, a microwave oven, bicycles, vehicle bench seat, household trash, and other miscellaneous pieces of debris. Together this debris and garbage totaled nearly two tons.

The District has conducted various meetings and produced a pamphlet to educate the residents in this watershed on the project. A Water Quality Plan was written that characterizes the land use conditions of the watershed, summarizes water quality results and formulates a general strategy to help repair and improve water quality conditions in the creek.



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More Work To Do

- \$75,000 livestock cost share
- 55 Irrigation Water Management, Nutrient Management, & Integrated Pest Management plans
- 20,000 acres prescribed grazing
- 20 watering facilities
- 55,000 feet of fence
- WRIA 49 Watershed Plan
- Backyard conservation
- Two Firewise workshops
- 20 wildfire risk assessments
- One forest thinning project